



# Volunteers of America

## Incarcerated Veterans Transitional Program

### Program Snapshot

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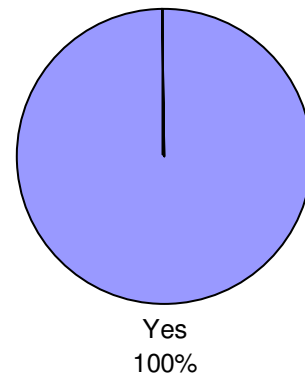
Volunteers of America's Incarcerated Veterans Transitional Program is a non-residential program for military veterans who are incarcerated or recently released from a Kentucky state penal institution. Any veteran who was discharged from the military with a discharge other than a Bad Conduct or Dishonorable discharge, who is within nine months of release from incarceration of one of the state penal institutions or was released from a state penal institution on or after April 1, 2004, is eligible for program services.

Inreach work is done in seven of the state penal institutions to help ease the stress and transition inmates face when released. Once released, outreach work begins and veterans receive assistance with transitional housing, employment and training, clothing, referrals to other agencies, and three to six months of follow-up services. Services are tailored to the unique needs of each veteran and are designed to help that individual reintegrate into the community of his choice and become a productive citizen of society. With this personalized and holistic approach, the Incarcerated Veterans Transitional Program has maintained a 7 percent recidivism rate since the program started in April 2004.

#### FY 2008 Outcomes

- Under current grant funding (October 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008), 45 veterans were served, and they have a recidivism rate of only 2 percent.
- Of those 45 veterans, 70 percent are employed, 7 percent enrolled in a higher education program, and 4 percent entered a residential substance abuse program.

#### Did You Benefit from the Program?



Source: FY2008 Client Satisfaction Survey

#### What Is the Current Recidivism Rate?

